



Acts 9:1-18, From Calling to Commissioning

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BIG IDEA: Jesus *transforms* sinners and then sends them on mission—He starts working **IN** you, then works **THROUGH** you

Lessons from Acts 9:1-18

1. Jesus **CONFRONTS** us in our direction (v.v. 1-2)
 - **Hard Truth:** I can be *sincere* and still be *sincerely wrong*
2. Jesus **INTERRUPTS** us with His presence (v.v. 3-9)
 - Salvation is a *divine act* that demands a *human response*
3. Jesus **REDEFINES** our purpose (v.v. 10-18)
 - Jesus doesn't just save you *FROM* something...He saves you *FOR* something!

About The Antioch Project

The Antioch Project is a five-year intentional ministry training program offered by 17:6 Network for men and women who believe God is calling them to vocational ministry. Students of The Antioch Project can earn a Master of Divinity degree, accredited by the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) through The Antioch Project Immerse offered by the 17:6 Network through their partnership with Northwest Baptist Seminary in British Columbia, Canada. The Antioch Project is a unique, hands-on, character-shaping, and leadership skills-forming training program. It combines classroom training, personal study, practical training in ministry, and mentoring/coaching.

Hope Church's 2026 Antioch Project Graduates

Completing Level 1 (years 1 & 2)

- Vanessa Najera

Completing Level 2 (years 3 & 4)

- Anna Jeffries
- Jared Jeffries

Completing Level 3 (year 5) and Graduating from the Antioch Project

- Jacob Willebeek-LeMair
- Katie Willebeek-LeMair

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WHY does it matter/**WHAT** does it mean for me?

1. Everyone (*including me*) needs their own **ENCOUNTER** with Jesus
Acts 9:3-9, 22:1-16, 26:4-18
 - **Ask:**
 - *Have I truly responded to Jesus—or just been around Him?*
 - *What would full surrender look like in my life right now?*
2. The **PAST** does not have to define the **FUTURE**
 - **Ask:**
 - *Is there any part of my past that I believe God can't use?*
 - *What would it look like to trust Him with my whole story?*
3. Calling is not just for "**THEM**"—it's for **YOU**
 - **Ask:**
 - *Where has God placed me to be on mission RIGHT NOW?*
 - *How am I living as SENT?*
4. Where am I sensing the need for further **DEVELOPMENT** to live out my call?
 - **Ask:**
 - *Where does God seem to be challenging/developing me RIGHT NOW?*
 - *Am I embracing the process or resisting it?*
 - *What would it look like for me to lean into further development?*

Memory Verse:

Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 5:20 ESV

Recommended Resources:

AntiochProject.com

17sixNetwork.com

[Is God Calling Me? Answering the Question Every Believer Asks](#) by Jeff Iorg



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My next step today is to...

- Memorize 2 Corinthians 5:20
- Repent and accept Jesus as my Savior and submit to His Lordship for the first time!
- Go public as a follower of Jesus and get baptized
- Read Acts chapter 9 this week
- Check out the Sunday Extra Podcast to go deeper with the discussion on Acts
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